



Southeast Asia Regional Community Safety and Resilience Unit (CSRU)

Overview of activities for the month of June 2014

The 6th Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) Conference – 22-26 June, Bangkok, Thailand

The 6th AMCDRR, as a multi-stakeholder regional platform for DRR, hosted by the Royal Government of Thailand was attended by over 4,000 participants. It was the final regional inter-governmental meeting in Asia before the completion of HFA1 in March 2015 and the 3WCDDRR. The 6AMCDRR celebrated the achievements of HFA1, consolidated inputs from the Asia Pacific region for HFA2 and prepared countries and stakeholders for 3WCDDRR, including soliciting their commitments and partnerships for HFA2 implementation beyond 2015. Taking *"Promoting investments for resilient nations and communities"* as the main theme, the 6AMCDRR focused on 3 sub-themes aligned with the 7 key areas.



The IFRC's engagement in the conference planning started in August 2013, working closely with key stakeholders such as the Royal Thai Government, UNISDR, UNESCAP, UNDP, USAID, ADPC, and ADRRN.

The key success of IFRC engagement in the conference proceedings was the inclusion of our recommendation into the conference declaration, whereby, the IFRC recommendation to *"Encourage the institutionalization of integrated community resilience approaches into local development planning..."* has found its place in the 6th AMCDRR declaration, acknowledged and supported by the Ministers, and Heads of Delegation of the countries of Asia and the Pacific.

Around 170 IFRC/RCRC participants including ICRC colleagues took part in the 6th AMCDRR. Many of participants (approx. 85) came from the Thai RC – host NS including RCY, volunteers, branch staff as well as HQ staff. In total there was representation from 25 National Societies.

The NSs of the region were able to promote their work through technical presentations and/or session chairing during the conference. The Regional Delegation provided technical support in preparation of all RCRC



The Thai Red Cross Youth Volunteer reading out Children and Youth Statement on behalf of Stakeholders' Group in the Final Plenary session during the 6th AMCDRR



moderators/speakers/chairs/panelists of various sessions. NS representatives also had opportunities to hold bilateral meetings with their government counterparts to discuss domestic issues and promote IFRC key messages for the conference.

The IFRC also delivered voluntary statement of commitments that was included as an official annex of the conference deliverables.

In addition, as a member of the Children and Youth stakeholder's group the IFRC contributed to the voluntary statement of commitment for Group.

In the Final Plenary of the conference, the IFRC had two representatives delivering above mentioned voluntary statements of commitment: Deputy Secretary General of Pakistan Red Crescent who delivered summary of RCRC commitments and Thai RC Youth representative delivering summary of commitments for Children and Youth Stakeholder's group.

Conference proceedings have been published on daily basis on the Fed Net including a Web story published on the www.ifrc.org depicting main IFRC/RCRC achievements at the conference. Press conference was also organized during the conference. Also please visit <http://6thamcdrr-thailand.net/6thamcdrr/Outcome-Documents> to download other conference related documents/outcomes.

ASEAN Dengue day

ASEAN Dengue Day observation was held in Manila, Philippines from 14-15 June, 2014. Representative from IFRC AP zone, IFRC SEARD, IFRC country delegation (Philippines) and the manager of health services of the Philippine Red Cross attended the conference.

The IFRC and PRCS team were able to present the work of Southeast National Societies in dengue prevention and control in communities as well as the global dengue advocacy report, through a presentation along with the distribution of copies of the global

dengue advocacy report. The participation in ASEAN dengue day also gave an opportunity to discuss further cooperation with ASEAN.



Philippines RC Health Manager, delivering presentation during ASEAN Dengue Day in Manila

Building Regional Capacity and Collaboration for Community Resilience in Southeast Asia

Taking the opportunity of the presence of many NSs of the region during 6th AMCDRR as well as the visit from Canadian RC representative, an informal meeting was held in Bangkok on 23 June with representatives from CVTL, PMI, MRCS, TRCS and VNRC in order to update each other on past activities under this regional initiative, as well as key upcoming events. Participants noted the importance of advocating for DRR in the region, using the auxiliary role of NSs to promote better laws and regulations as well as increase our partnership with governments and ASEAN. It was also agreed to continue the planning process with countries in order to identify their priorities under this initiative.



The team also continued the preparatory work for two activities which are designed to strengthen the visibility and recognition of NS work in the region as well as enhance their ability to advocate based on evidence from the field.

- A review of VCA data and recommendations in order to assist NS in identifying key advocacy messages for Disaster Risk Reduction and community resilience.
- A documentation of the Red Cross / Red Crescent contribution to the HFA and ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) since 2010.

An agreement was signed with ADPC on 26 June in order to support Myanmar RC in the three coming months for these two activities. Discussions are also ongoing with Timor Leste RC (CVTL), Lao RC, Thai RC and Vietnam RC (VNRC).

Related to this mapping activity, thanks to funding support received from the Global Disaster Preparedness Center (GDPC), Vietnam Red Cross will be able to further adapt the IFRC Resource Mapping System (RMS) developed by the Zone Office to the requirements of the VNRC context. Furthermore, an information management specialist was hired to design a database system to be used by NSs to showcase their key indicators / features and further promote their work. More information on this process will be shared in the next monthly update.

In terms of gender inclusion in DRR, a volunteer joined the team in June and prepared training modules on gender to be inserted in the Youth as Agents for Behavioral Change (YABC) curriculum and to be proposed to NSs for inclusion in staff/volunteers trainings in the future.

Thailand

Post emergency preparedness operation

Renovation of warehouse, emergency operation centre and communication room are progressing well. The quality inspection and certification will be made at the end of July.

Thai Red Cross is undertaking necessary planning to organize training for Elderly citizens in disaster preparedness. Related materials have been designed with reference to different specialized agencies/organizations such as Help Age. These materials will be tested in the first training planned July 2014. As per the learning, the document will be finalized and more training will be organized subsequently.

Tsunami Residual funding project

Building on capacities developed over years in community based disaster risk reduction in particular in 14 communities of Ranong province implemented from 2007-2010, handed over to Chalem Prakiet Health Station who continued to maintain and enhance DRR knowledge and capacity a refresher training was organized from 10-11 June 2014 to refresh the knowledge and skills of former CBDRR volunteers.

Total 42 people were part of the Training. This training will support to strengthen community level preparedness as well as risk reduction initiative.

Thai RC volunteers attending refresher training in Ranong Province, June 2014





Working group meeting for the preparation for the Table Top Exercise was done in Phuket province. Scenario for table top exercise will be focusing on potential Tsunami impact. The working group consisted of representatives from Provincial DDPM offices, 2 representatives from Provincial Red Cross Chapters, 4 representatives from National Disaster Warning Center (NDWC) and 6 staff from TRC Relief and Community Health Bureau (RCHB). Table-Top Exercise will be carried out during 3-5 September 2014 at Phang Nga province. Participants will be consisted from 6 Provincial Red Cross Chapters and 6 Provincial DDPM offices, specialists from NDWC, staff from RCHB and relevant bureaus.

National Disaster Response Training (NDRT) in Thailand

NDRT training was organized by the Thai RC from 9 -13 June, 2014. The main aim of the training was to develop emergency managers and strengthen the emergency management capacity of Thai Red Cross and Lao Red Cross in province/district level. The training was attended by 22 people from Thai Red Cross and 4 people from Lao Red Cross, 2 people from Prince of Songkra University and 4 people from DDPM. Representatives from CSRU facilitated some of the technical sessions of the training.

The training mainly focused to enhance the capacity of participants on Assessment, Camp Management, Relief Management, Coordination and Reporting along with other topics. The training also focused on approaches and strategies of the Red Cross & Red Crescent addressing health in emergencies. The session also provided an overview of IFRC health response tool. The training covered the aspect of Psychosocial Support (PSS) in emergencies including IFRC approach to PSS and IASC MHPSS assessment guidelines in emergencies.

SEA RCRC has been working to standardize NDRT curriculum. Indonesia and Philippines Red Cross are leading this process as per the latest regional meeting in Myanmar in 2013. The agenda and contents used by TRCS will be part of the reference while developing the NDRT curriculum for the region.

Community Based Disaster Risk reduction (CBDRR) program

The evaluation process of the CBDRR programme is underway. An independent consultant visited 15 communities of Ubonratchathani, Surin, Petchaboon and Chiangmai as part of the evaluation. Different workshops and meetings are being organized with community members, local authority and other stakeholders at community level. Around 260 people have been directly engaged in this evaluation process. As per preliminary information, the evaluation highlighted the issues related to the time frame for implementation, need for the content to be further strengthened – such as: Early warning system, climate smart community based activities, First Aid, Search and Rescue, and other DRR related activities. Community members also highlighted the need to integrate engagement of students and teachers into ongoing community based activities. The details report will be out by the end of July. Report will come in Thai and it will be translated in English for wider distribution at later stage.

Indonesia

Pilot Urban Risk Reduction project

The National Disaster Management Agency of Indonesia (BNPB), supported by Australian Indonesia Facility for Disaster Risk Reduction (AIFDR) and Humanitarian openstreetmap Team (HOT) have developed an open source risk modeling software, InaSAFE that performs these calculations in 2011.. The “Indonesia Scenario Assessment for Emergencies” (InaSAFE) is free software that produces realistic natural hazard impact scenarios for better planning, preparedness and response activities. It provides a simple but rigorous way to combine data from scientists, local governments and communities to provide insights into the likely impacts of future disaster events. A group of PMI Staff



and Volunteers received training on openstreetmap, QGIS and InaSAFE from the support of Australian Red Cross in 2013.

This pilot urban risk reduction project is taking the opportunity to apply the development of risk mapping by utilizing openstreetmap, QGIS and InaSAFE in 2 villages/kelurahan who have completed their Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment, and the mapping will focus on flood hazard including health related issues. The socialization meeting was done for community leaders to present Risk Mapping objectives as well as to get their commitment and identify the potential community groups to support the development of risk mapping. Subsequently, the risk mapping was conducted on 3rd and 4th week of June 2014. Both kelurahan have showed enthusiasm for the process of risk mapping. At the beginning, in Kelurahan Bidara Cina-East Jakarta Municipality only targeted to map out 3 RW, however, based on the request of community leaders, the mapping was also done for the whole kelurahan.

The orientation of openstreetmap, QGIS and InaSAFE is done on June 7-8, 2014, attended by 29 participants from PMI NHQ, PMI of DKI Jakarta Province, PMI of West Jakarta municipality and PMI of east Jakarta Municipality. At the orientation, the urban desk study report from Australian Red Cross were also delivered to highlight key points recommendation related with WASH, Health, Shelter, Livelihood and Coordination for emergency response and recovery for urban setting.

At the end of orientation, PMI staff and facilitator have identified the standardized field data for mapping purpose whereas the field data has also been consulted with HOT. As follow up of the orientation, the participants are mobilized to get data and information by using walking paper provided by HOT .

PMI has hired the consultant to conduct research on existing Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation policies and frameworks from National to Community Level. Consultant will start working from second week of July.

Epidemic Control for Volunteer (ECV) – Adaptation workshop

An ECV adaptation workshop for Indonesia Red Cross Society (PMI) was held from 24-26 June, 2014. The workshop saw the participation of 22 Red Cross staff from village and province level as well as PMI Headquarters. The aim of the workshop was to adapt the Epidemic Control for Volunteers (ECV) toolkit as per the Indonesian context and explore ways to integrate this tool with other ongoing initiatives in community based health and emergency health.

An overview of each module in the IFRC Epidemic Control for volunteer toolkit was presented to the participants and potential areas of integrating the ECV toolkit were also discussed.

The regional health officer, SEARD participated in the workshop as a facilitator. The Ministry of Health (MoH) was invited to provide feedback on the toolkit. The MoH representative recommended the inclusion of five diseases such as – Anthrax, Plague, Leptospirosis, Rabies and Chikungunya. In the workshop diseases like Marbug, Ebola and Rift valley fever were deleted from the toolkit.

Translation and adaptation of the ECV toolkit and training manual is now completed. Field testing of the translated version will be done during the ECV master training in August.

Knowledge Information Management (KIM)

Online library (<https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia/health-and-care/health-bulletins.>) continues to be regularly updated to promote the knowledge sharing within and beyond the Movement. Number of uploaded documents related of DRR and Health is growing from day to day and it is only valuable if used by targeted audience.



The fortnightly Health bulletin continues to be shared with respective colleagues of NS as well as AP Zone and country delegations in order to update knowledge and enhance communication. The site has been integrated into IFRC standard web-link as well.

Human Resources

Psycho-Social Delegate has ended her mission on 30 June, 2014. She will be back in the region from September – October, 2014 to conduct a Southeast Asia regional training of trainers on “Psychosocial Support in Emergencies.”

Upcoming Events for July - December, 2014

Date	Events	Venue
15-18 July	"Harnessing Technology for Disaster Preparedness and Response – A Design Thinking Approach to Improved Resilience" – Microsoft WS	Kuala Lumpur
28-31 July	Lower Mekong Initiative, Pacific Resilience, Disaster response, Exercise and exchange	Bangkok
25 August	Asian Coalition on School Safety Meeting (IFRC, SCF, Plan, WV, UNICEF, UNESCO)	Bangkok
26-29 August	Disaster Risk Reduction in the Education Sector technical Workshop (Asian Coalition on School Safety – organized by Save the Children)	Bangkok
19-21 August	Asia Pacific Urban Workshop on DM	Manila
1-6 September	Training of Trainers on Climate change	Thailand
16-18, September	Annual SEA CSR Forum Meeting	Thailand
19 September	SEA IFRC-Resilience meeting	Thailand
7-10 October	<i>Global Community Resilience Forum</i>	<i>Cali, Colombia</i>
13-17 Oct	International DRR Day	Regional
15-17, October	SEA Regional Emergency PSS training of trainers	Bangkok
21-24 October	<i>9th IFRC Asia Pacific Regional Conference</i>	<i>China</i>
Nov (TBC)	Pandemic Preparedness workshop	Thailand
27 Nov	IDRL workshop for Thailand	Thailand
1 Dec,	World AIDS Day	TBC

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